

THE SWORD

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The LORD spreads
snow like a
blanket

Psalm 147:15

COMMENTS

This issue begins my term as the *SWORD* editor. It is an issue full of excitement, fears, joy, disappointment, and frustrations. Working once again in the editor's position, I am immediately reminded of the necessity of a responsible, complete staff for a newspaper to be successful.

My disappointment and frustration enters at this level. The *SWORD* staff we have now has excellent potential, however, it is far from complete. A much larger staff is needed. The *SWORD* is presently limping along, with crutches, but with no complete healing in sight.

I will not take personal ownership for the *SWORD*, nor do I believe that the Journalism Minister or the Student Senate should take ownership of it. The ownership--the failure or the success--of the *SWORD* belongs to the student body. Ownership by the student body is the critical, controlling force of the *SWORD*.

Because of this, I am faced with the question, "Does Concordia-St. Paul need and want the student newspaper to continue, or do we bury it?" A decisive factor in answering this question is student time. There is simply not enough of it. When approaching numerous students to work on this issue of the *SWORD*, I was turned down because of their lack of time. This is a valid reason, and I will in no way argue with it. However, to continue, the *SWORD* **does** need student's time. The quality and content of the *SWORD* is reflected in the amount of time students are willing to commit to it.

An idealist at heart, I have hope that the *SWORD* is not yet dead, that we won't have to bury it. As a realist, I know this decision is not mine but yours.

In attempting to revitalize the *SWORD* and increase its student interest and readability, we have chosen to experiment with a new format. Each *SWORD* issue will be devoted to a separate topic in hopes that in-depth reporting will lead to new insights and interest.

Any comments--positive or negative--will be appreciated. As students producing a publication, we are here to learn. As publishers of a newspaper, we are here to serve our readers.

The *SWORD* is the official publication of the Student Body of Concordia College, -St. Paul. The opinions and ideas found in the columns and letters do not necessarily express that of the paper or the school.

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The *SWORD* welcomes letters and opinion articles from readers. Contributions should be signed with identification given (such as 'CSP student,' 'professor of Science,' etc.) For verification, opinion articles should also list their telephone numbers.

Contributions can be brought to **The *SWORD*** office, in the basement of the Student Union, or be mailed to the editors through the mail. Letters and opinion articles will be edited for style and length and will not be returned. **The *SWORD*** retains the right not to print any contribution. Names may be withheld if requested, but the editors reserve the right to release it privately if requested by any other reader.

Student President

VIEWS

With nearly half of the year gone, busy and excited are still two words which sum up the Student Senate. We have accomplished a great deal so far, and we have many plans and ideas for the remainder of the year.

Student Senate is currently working on numerous items such as: starting a literary magazine, obtaining city newspapers to be sold on campus, improving the representation system of the Student Senate, and revising the student judicial framework here at CSP.

Another one of the new ideas we hope to get off the ground is a Booster Club. This club would be open to all students, hopefully having at least one student from each dorm and a representation of the city students.

This club would support the various athletic and associated activities here at CSP by recruiting spectators and participants for these various activities. Since this is a new club, the exact framework and goals are wide open and can be set up in various ways. So if you have any enthusiasm at all, why not join the Booster Club?

If you have any suggestions, ideas or concerns on any topic of student life, please approach the Student Senate and together we can make CSP a better place to learn and grow.

Mark H. Ebert
Student Senate President

Jan. 27-28

CIT to be held at CSP

The athletic department of CSP is planning and preparing for the Concordia Invitational Tournament, to be held here Friday and Saturday, January 27 and 28. CIT is a basketball tournament with our men's and women's teams and the men's and women's teams of our sister school's in Seward, River Forest, and the team at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. A female

team from another school will be invited to play.

Friday's games will include two games for the women's teams and two for the men's teams. Consolation and championship games will be held Saturday. The purposes of the tournament involve public relations, socialability and friendly competition for the synodical schools involved.



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SNOW WEEKEND

needs student support

Lisa Keyne

The annual winter Snow Weekend is being planned for the third weekend in January, January 20-22. Luther PHilaya, chairperson of student activities ministry for Student Senate, is in charge of this year's activities.

Each year the Student Senate

sponsors a Snow Weekend. A dance, movie and banquet are some of the special events of the weekend. Besides all of these this year there will be an added event: the election of a royal court.

Three senior women will be nominated. Three senior men will be nominated. From these will be elected a king and queen to rule for the weekend. Three women and men each of the junior, sophomore and freshmen classes will be nominated to run for prince and princess. Gail Marotzke is chairperson for the election committee.

Several meetings have been held so far to start planning for Snow Weekend. More meetings will be held after Christmas vacation, to which all students are invited. According to Luther, student help is still needed. "As of yet, snow weekend is still in the planning stages," he said. "There are many activities yet to be planned."

MINNESOTA

SKI:

By Vicki Beeman

The St. Paul and surrounding areas have much to offer the skiing enthusiast. Following are a few of these ski areas, with information that might be helpful in selecting the ski area right for you.

Birch Park is located in Houlton, Wisconsin, 3 miles east of Stillwater. They have 12 lifts including 3 chairs and 1 T-bar. Complete rental and G.L.M. Ski School is available. They are open 9:30 A.M. - 10:00 P.M. seven days and nights a week. Ten runs are open. Weekend rates run from \$5.75-\$7.75 depending upon the number of people in your vehicle. After 4:30 the rates run between \$3.50-\$4.50. Call 439-3773 for further information.

Snow Crest Ski Area, located between Stillwater and Somerset, Wisconsin, is open 7 days and nights a week and has 2 chairlifts, 1 T-bar, and 7 rope tows. Complete rental and a ski school is available. Weekdays, whole day tickets are \$6.00. Call 439-2327 for further information.

Trollhaugen Ski Area in Desser, Wisconsin is 80% open. Weekend tickets are \$6.00, weekday tickets are \$5.00 and after 5:00 P.M. they cost \$4.00. Call 433-5141 for information.

Welch Village, off highway 61 between Hastings and Red Wing is open 7 days and nights a week and offers 4 chairlifts, 2 T-bars and 20 runs to 4,000 feet. A ski school is available. Weekend tickets are \$8.75, after 3:00 P.M., \$5.50. Weekend tickets are \$6.50 and from 4:00-10:00 are \$5.50. Call 222-7079 for information.

Buck Hill Ski Resort is located on Buck Hill Road in Burnsville. They are open 9:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M. seven days and nights a week. Lessons and rental are available. \$8.00 buys an all day adult ticket. A morning ticket (9:00-2:00 P.M.) is \$6.00. An afternoon ticket (2:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.) is \$6.50. After 5:00 P.M. tickets are \$4.75. For further information call 435-7187.

Afton Alps is located in Hastings, 15 miles east of St. Paul on Country Road 20. They have 15 chair lifts, 29 runs, 3 T-bars and 4 ropes. They are open 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M. seven days and nights a week. \$8.00 buys an adult ticket. A ski school is also available. Call 436-5245 for further information.

CSP Ski Club attempts money raisers

Don't throw this paper away; save it for the Ski Club's paper drive. This is one of the many projects that the ski club will be using to raise money. Other projects include a candy sale, bake sale, T-shirt sale and a dance.

The ski club is also considering holding a gambling casino. An admission fee would be charged, and the games would be played

with chips. The winner would receive a door prize.

The money the club is raising will be used for a ski trip to Colorado during Easter break.

One of the benefits in joining the ski club would be the discount rates at the different slopes. The ski club will be traveling to many different ski slopes throughout the winter.

Pete Schmiel, Ski Club member, says, "I think the club is a good organization. It lets everyone join including the beginners. You also get cut rates." Davy Jones relates, "It's great. You get to go cheap." Dennis Hilken states "It's a great chance to be around a group of people who's interests are the same as yours. It gives me a chance to go skiing a lot."